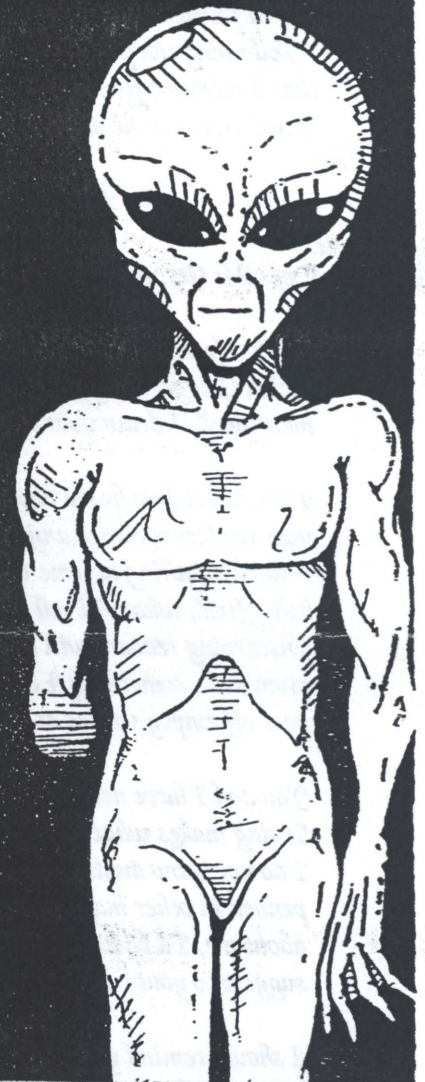
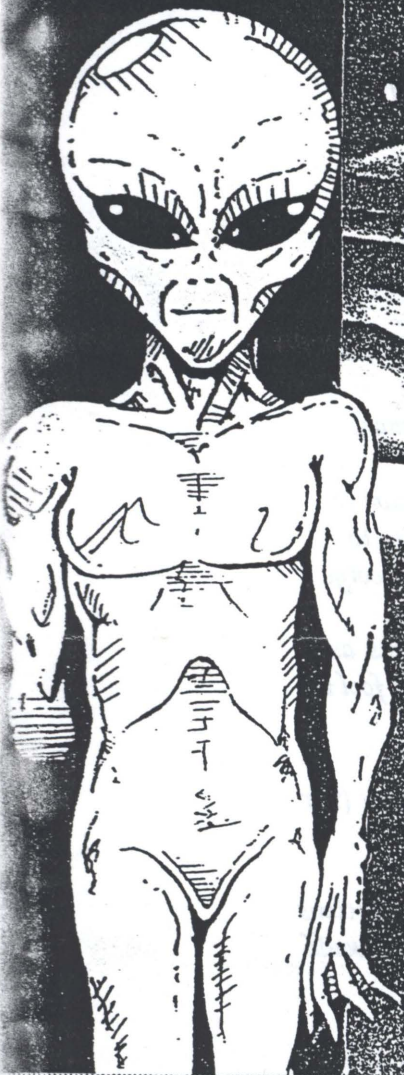


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EDITORIAL.

Due to an editorial blunder on my part and the fact that my computer enjoyed this edition of the newsletter so much, it decided to eat it and I have had to do the whole newsletter over again. In this shortened newsletter (I will make up the difference in the next few newsletters), I have had to leave out one or two regular features. I apologize for this, but as I say, I will make up for this in forthcoming editions.

Following the publication of the article 'The Return of the Wheatear', what follows is the letter that I received from Mr Rob Irving word for word and I will let you decide for yourself if the newsletter is as he describes it.

Mr Robert Irving, 127 (Top Flat) Tottenham Lane, London N8 9BJ.

13 March 1996

Dear Mr Gerrard,

With reference to an article in your last newsletter, entitled, 'The Return Of The Wheatear', in which George Wingfield's latest allegations concerning the 'Roswell Autopsy' footage are mentioned, I draw your attention to a recent letter (Enclosed) sent to BUFORA's chairman.

From what I've heard about you, I'm surprised to find you relaying contentious information to your readers without any evidence to support it. The article clearly illustrates a propensity to believe anything anyone tells you, no matter how damaging - particularly by the likes of George Wingfield, who will tell anyone anything he anticipates they're gullible enough to believe. Discerning readers will expect Wingfield to soon come forward with evidence of his claims, as promised - something I can safely predict will never happen. Whether you are a complete fool to pass off empty stories as fact, or not, is a question I'll leave you to consider.

You and I have never had previous contact, yet you try to appear to know so much about me (Mr Irving makes what is to me a clear assumption, that I wrote the 'Wheatear' article and I do not know anything about him apart from what other researchers and truth seekers have penned in other magazines/newsletters)... ED). If you have plans to publish further assumptions about me, I'd be happy to offer comment beforehand. This may not suit your agenda, but it would suggest to your readers some semblance of even-handedness.

I should remind you that the article was not only irresponsible where others are concerned. Were your newsletter not stranded so far out in the wilderness of rant, where it seems to enjoy complete ignorance of truth (was it meant to be parodic?), it could also be considered actionable.

Please do not feel obliged to reply.

Robert Irving.

Well, you can imagine my thoughts and I wrote back to Mr Irving pointing out one or two little errors in the above letter, and stated that I intended to publish the letter in the newsletter and if I did not hear from him, then I would go ahead and publish it. I will let you consider if:

1. I am a complete fool.
2. Is the newsletter stranded out in the wilderness of rant ?
3. Does the newsletter enjoy complete ignorance of truth ?

(The Truth Is Out There... Somewhere ?).

PRESS/TV/RADIO MATTERS OVER THE PAST MONTH 15.3.96 - 15.4.96.

PRESS.

15.3.96 : Manchester Evening News.

This article was concerned with the aircraft encounter in January 1995 that the CAA cannot explain and is recorded as an unidentified object. The article interviews the first officer Mark Stewart who gives us more of an insight of the events of that day and as Mr Stewart says 'I consider that the object was just something in the wrong place at the wrong time'.

25.3.96 : 'Womans Own Magazine.

The title of the article 'Have aliens landed in Britain', included interviews with Philip Mantle, Elsie Oakensen, Ros Reynolds, and Jane of west Yorkshire who claims that she had sex with a 7ft tall alien in a strange room. The article was based around Susan Mantle who has set up a Telephone Hotline for abductee's.

30.3.96 : Daily Mail.

This concerns the Television program 'UFOs - Britain's Secret Files', that would shock the sceptics. A senior Ministry of Defence official has confirmed the existence of UFOs and the article goes on to say, a BBC spokesman said : 'The Mod finally concede that they remain 'totally open-minded' about extra-terrestrial life forms'. Yet, according to the Daily Mail on the 24.4.96, an article headlined - 'UFOs are just a flight of fancy', says the Mod. Defence chiefs have broken decades of silence with an unprecedented statement dismissing the possible existence of UFOs ('What more can you say... See next edition of the newsletter... ED).

30.3.96 : The Independent : Alien Visitors Restore Ghost Town's Spirit.

It appears that Rachel, Nevada was somewhat of a ghost town with its 100 residents, but Area 51, and the re-naming of highway 375 to The Extra Terrestrial Highway has changed all of that. The article looks at the Little A'le'Inn which has UFO pictures over the walls and sells UFO merchandise to the many UFO buffs that visit the area. There is talk about Area 51 and Bob Lazar who claimed to of worked at a flying saucer base. Trespassers on land around the base face arrest and large fines. sign boards say that the use of 'deadly force' is authorised. As the owner of the Little A'le'Inn, Pat Travis states 'the earth is but a grain of sand on a very large beach' and it doesn't make sense to think we're alone'...(Here...Here...Ed).

2.4.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : UFO Sighting.

An Unidentified flying object was sighted in Saudi Arabia's oil-producing eastern region, a Saudi newspaper reported. 'Flying saucer illuminates Jubail', said the headline in al-'Eqtisadiah. It said the sighting was reported by a group of people who were camping north of the Gulf coast city, site of the Kingdom's second largest oil refinery.

2.4.96 : *The Independent* : UFO Sighted near Saudi oil refinery.

Dubai - An unidentified flying object was sighted last week in Saudi Arabia's oil-producing eastern region, a Saudi newspaper reported yesterday. 'Flying saucer illuminates Jubail', said the headline of a story in *al-Eqitsadiah*. The story said that the Thursday night sighting was reported by a group of people who were camping north of the Gulf of coast city of Jubail, site of the Kingdom's second-largest oil refinery.

3.4.96 : *Southampton Evening Echo*.

Totton - A 'Fact or Fiction?' workshop on Unidentified Flying Objects is to be held at Totton college on Saturday, April 27. The programme will include a presentation including video evidence of crashed UFOs and details can be obtained from the college.

6-12.4.96 : *Tv Quick*.

This article looks at the forthcoming program on BBC 2 called : 'Secrets of the Paranormal', in which Jenny Randles looks at what the British Government is covering up. The article looks at the Burgh marsh photograph taken in May 1964 and then the Woomera, Australia sighting in July 1964. Then, Jenny's search at the public records office and then finally the BBC archives at Shepherd's Bush in London where the can of film showing the 'Woomera rocket launch is missing. Where is the film and what does it show that the government doesn't want us to see ?

5.4.96 : *Southampton Evening Echo* : Total Eclipse Brings Home The Martians.

The eclipse of the moon proved out of this world for two Stubbington sky-gazers. For as the pair of astronomy enthusiasts gathered on the village green they spotted what they described as a triangular-shaped UFO.

The unnamed duo from Gosport reported the sighting on Wednesday night to the police at Park Gate.

Inspector Russell Bray said : 'They said they first saw an orange star over the Isle of Wight which remained static for about ten minutes. It then moved closer at speed before turning into a triangular-shaped object.'

The UFO, added the inspector, 'was apparently last seen heading off in a south-easterly direction'.

(The only thing that I find rather strange about this report, is that on a night when the whole world and his wife were out watching the eclipse that night, no one else has come forward or reported the object. I know for a fact that a few good friends were on top of a local vantage point and watched the eclipse the whole time, but they saw nothing and they were only about 5-10 miles away.... ED)

11.4.96 : *Southampton Evening Echo* : fresh probe of UFO mysteries.

This was just a television review of the program 'Secrets of the Paranormal' that was screened this evening. Not much more to say except that the article refers to an MoD official that appears on the program and states 'I came into the job as a sceptic and, although most cases can easily be accounted for, there remains a hard core of observations that defy explanation'.

TV.

22.3.96 : *Live Wire : Why Files - Avebury Stone Circle - Chris Trubridge.*

27.3.96 : *Live Wire : Why Files - UFO Over Kent - Jerry Anderson.*

28.3.96 : *Live Wire : Why Files - Alien Abductions.*

2.4.96 : *Hanger 18 (Feature Film) (Rpt).*

5.4.96 : *Live Wire : Why Files - Triangular UFO's - Sighting by David Kingston.*

8.4.96 : *Live Wire : Why Files - UFO Over Kentish Town, London.*

11.4.96 : *BBC 2 : Secrets of the Supernatural.*

This was the long awaited program made by and presented by Jenny Randles. I understand she was given a video camera and told to go and film a program on UFOs. Well, from comments made from fellow enthusiasts, it appeared that some enjoyed the program, but others thought it was not all that it was made up to be. I found it was enjoyable, but the camera work put me off just a touch. There was an interview with Ralph Noyce and for all of Jenny's hard work she did prove that the government was hiding the truth and that they were hiding information that they didn't want people to find. All in all a good program and well worth a look at.

14.4.96 : *Discovery Channel : UFOs and Close Encounters.*

This for me, was the best program so far this year and I think it will be very hard to find a program to beat it. There was an interview with Timothy Good who related his UFO sighting and a video was shown that was taken of the same object, at the same time, but from a different location. There was a look at subjects covering the Warminster Thing, abductions featuring Maria Ward, Crop circles with Colin Andrews and Pat Delgado. I will be showing this at the next group meeting to be held on the 21st May, as I feel that there was a lot of good information and that everyone should see this program.

14.4.96 : *Discovery Channel : Visitors From Space. (Rpt).*

14.4.96 : *Discovery Channel : ET Please Phone Earth. (Rpt).*

15.4.96 : *Discovery Channel : Visitors From Space. (Rpt)*

15.4.96 : *Sky 1 : Sightings.*

This edition featured the Allagash Wilderness abduction on the 26th August 1976, in Maine, New England. The principle abductees out of 4 were the Jack and Jim Weiner (Twin Brothers). Whilst on a fishing trip, a light hovered over the boat and they found themselves back on shore with a period of missing time. 12 years later, the twins had violent nightmares, and following hypnotic regression, they related their abduction and subsequent physical examination and the taking of sperm samples. Following the abduction, they acquired new abilities with art work and mathematics.

Sightings then looked at UFOs caught on home videos by viewers and showed footage taken in Michigan and California in the USA and footage from Germany, as well as other footage. A great program and I only wish that Sightings was on the Tv on a more regular basis.

A couple of programs to watch out for on the Cable channel over the next month :

15.5.96 - Science Fiction Channel : Alien Autopsy - Fact or Fiction. (7pm).

15.5.96 - Science Fiction Channel : Hanger 18 (Rpt) (Feature Film). (8pm).

30.5.96 - Bravo - UFO Documentary. (8pm).

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<i>Forthcoming Events and Lectures.</i>

18 May 1996 - Bufora Merseyside Meeting.

Speakers : Jenny Randles, John Spencer (Bufora), Tony Eccles.

Telephone : 0151 4866087 or 0151 4760356.

22nd June 1996 - Cricklade Theatre, Andover.

Speakers Include Colin Andrews, Hopi Indian Morning Cloud and Busty Taylor.

22nd June 1996 - Journeys & Encounters - Exploring Human & Non-Human Contacts.

AT The Nixon Hall, Ellison Place, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Speakers include : Hilary Evans, Philip Mantle & Kevin McClure.

Telephone : 0191-222-6525.

*29th September 1996 - Contact International 1 Day Conference.
Contact : Contact International, P.O Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL.
Speakers Include : Roy Dutton, Roy Lake, & lee Winterson.
At The Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxford. 11am - 5pm.
Tickets £5.00 Each.*

*16th-17th November 1996 - Lancashire Aerial Phenomenon Investigation society
The Lowther Pavilion, Lytham, Near Blackpool.
Speakers Include : Jenny Randles, Nick Pope and Philip Mantle
Phone : 01253 391704 or 1253 404532.*

Next Meeting Of The Southampton UFO Group.

21st may 1996

The Chatter Box

Junction of Victoria Rd and Station Road

Netley

Southampton.

7.30pm - 10.30pm.

Entrance Fee £1.00

(Refreshments : 75p)

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THE UFO PHENOMENA

A Scientific Look At The Evidence For Extraterrestrial Contacts

Edward Ashpole

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This is the first ever book to take a comprehensive look at the UFO phenomena. Most scientists are scornful of the subject of UFOs, yet thousands of reports contain information which indicates that some UFOs *may* have an extraterrestrial origin. The problem is that the sensational stories which have appeared in the media over the years have dissuaded scientists from investigating UFO events.

However, the scientific community is not against the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, known as SETI. It supports teams of radio astronomers in their high-profile search for evidence of ET's broadcasts - but UFOs are taboo. This is totally illogical. As this book attempts to show, the background science which justifies the astronomical searches also supports the hypothesis that some UFOs are extraterrestrial artifacts.

In this important but highly readable book, Edward Ashpole makes clear the link between SETI science and the UFO phenomena, drawing on his knowledge of the life sciences and reviewing the most interesting UFO cases. Ashpole believes that only the expertise of scientists can solve the long-standing UFO mystery, and that future research may offer a way of answering the most important question in science and philosophy: Is there life elsewhere in the universe?

Edward Ashpole qualified as a teacher of biology and general science in 1955 and in 1961 became a full-time science writer. He has been a SETI watcher since his first article in 1963 and has written several hundred articles which have appeared in newspapers, magazines and scientific publications. He is the author of *The Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence*.

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